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In the town of Khairpur Nathan Shah, Pakistan, a man stands in water from the 2010 floods that left about one-fifth of the country inundated.

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On the Cover: Marine Gunnery Sgt. Aaron Tam (Ret.) holds the mask he made in an art therapy class for service members and veterans with traumatic brain injuries and psychological conditions. *Photograph by Lynn Johnson* | **Corrections and Clarifications** [Go to ngm.com/more](http://go.to/ngm.com/more).

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